Establishment of Growth Centres in the country

725. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for establishing Growth Centres at selected places as recommended by Inter Ministerial Committee constituted to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme for the Industrial development of backward areas in the country has been announced and introduced;

(b) how many Growth Centres have been established so far, place-wise and State-wise;

(c) what are the financial implications of the said scheme: and

(d) which of these growth centres do not have facilities like power, water, telecommunications and banking at present?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have announced a scheme to set-up growth centres in various parts of the country to promote industrialisation of backward areas. So far, location of 50 growth centres have been identified and announced, a list of which is attached. [vide *unstarred Question* 698 (a) *and* (b) supra]

(c) and (d) Each Growth Centre would be developed at a cost of approximately Rs. 25-30 crores. The Growth Centres would be endowed with necessary infrastructural facilities particularly in respect of power, water, telecommunication and banking etc.

Admission in Medical Colleges of the students migrated from Kashmir

726. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications have been received from students of Medical Colleges who have migrated from Kashmir for transfer to medical colleges in Delhi; and

(b) what action has been taken so far and proposed on these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The Government has decided that medical students of Government Medical College Srinagar should first be adjusted by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in Government Medical College, Jammu, failing whcih, on receipt of their particulars from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir efforts would be made to adjust them in different States other than Delhi. Accordingly the names and particulars of the students of Government Medical College, Srinagar, received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, have already been sent to the State Governments of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh and P.G.I. Chandigarh for adjusting them in their respective medical colleges.

Use of BVO in soft drinks

727. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BVO is still being used in some popular soft drinks;

(b) whether Government have taken any action against the manufacturers of the soft drinks which contain BVO; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what substitutes of BVO are now being used and whether all those have been certified as safe; and

(d) what are the names of the soft drinks which were using BVOs and have now discontinued its use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The information is